

# Connecticut Weekly AGRICULTURAL REPORT

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A cover photograph from a Facebook page created by the Department of Agriculture to promote the Hartford Regional Market and its farmers' market.

## AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT WORKING TO ATTRACT MORE CUSTOMERS, GROWERS TO HARTFORD REGIONAL MARKET

With the spring planting season finally underway, the Department of Agriculture is ramping up efforts to attract more growers and customers to the busy farmers' market at the Hartford Regional Market.

Located near the intersection of Interstates 91 and 84, it is the last remaining wholesale farmers' market in Connecticut open to the public, with a reputation for offering a huge selection of bedding and hanging plants, nursery stock, perennials and vegetable plants at wholesale prices.

The market opens at 4 a.m. seven days a week year-round, but is busiest on weekends in the warmer months, with vendors often selling out within a few hours.

Weekend activity increases as Mother's Day approaches, as evidenced by the 30 growers that set up before dawn last Saturday and were greeted by a steady flow of customers.

"I like to support the local farmers," said one woman loading flowers into a pull-wagon that is a common customer tool. "They offer great prices and everything is fresh."

Like many customers, she said trips to the market for spring plants have become a tradition, as is getting there early for the best selection.

The agriculture department is hoping to spread that enthusiasm through the use of social media and other communications that will update customers as to what they will

find for sale on a given day. The department is sending weekly emails to both seasonal vendors and tenants of the market's year-round wholesale facility, asking what they plan to have for sale and what days they will be attending.

That information is posted on the market's Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/HartfordRegionalMarket](http://www.facebook.com/HartfordRegionalMarket) - which has attracted more than 1,200 "fans" since it was created.

"Had a great time! I love seeing my favorite growers!" one Facebook follower posted on the site after a weekend visit. "Every week they have new stuff!"

Posted another: "Going next weekend! Love it!"

While the market continues to face ever-increasing competition from big-box stores, Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky says the quality and price of the items offered by local growers cannot be matched.

"Social media can be an important tool in getting that message out to potential customers," Reviczky said. "We are already seeing encouraging results from this marketing campaign, which I believe will help us continue to build our diverse and loyal customer base."

The agriculture department is also running regular advertisements on several area radio stations and the Pandora internet radio service to promote a different specialty crop each month.

As seasonal produce becomes available, growers at the

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**PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**

Avg. Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:	LOW	HIGH
breakers 75-80% lean	106.00	109.00
boners 80-85% lean	102.00	108.00
lean 85-90% lean	100.00	105.50
<b>CALVES</b> graded bull		
No 1 120-128lbs	430.00	530.00
No 1 110-118lbs	485.00	495.00
No 1 94-100 lbs	530.00	560.00
No 2 120-128 lbs	450.00	515.00
No 2 106-118lbs	460.00	510.00
No 2 98-104 lbs	525.00	560.00
No 2 75-96 lbs	490.00	585.00
No 3 100-130 lbs	410.00	510.00
No 3 90-98 lbs	520.00	545.00
No 3 72-88 lbs	570.00	625.00
<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	162.00	165.00
Ch2-3	159.00	163.00
Sel1-3	155.00	159.00
<b>SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS</b>		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	n/a	n/a
Ch2-3	144.00	148.00
Sel1-2	137.00	144.00
<b>SLAUGHTER HEIFERS</b>		
HiCh/Prm3-4	160.00	166.00
Ch2-3	157.00	160.00
Sel1-2	155.00	158.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS:</b> Non-Traditional Markets:		
ch/pr 2-3		
40-110 lbs	235.00	265.00
110-130 lbs	227.00	235.00
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES:</b> 2-3		
110-300 lbs	72.00	92.00
<b>BUCKS</b>		
120-300 lbs	60.00	87.00
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS:</b> Sel.1, by head, est.		
40-60 lbs	185.00	210.00
60-80 lbs	215.00	225.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	215.00	245.00
130-180 lbs	230.00	260.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs	270.00	295.00
150-250 lbs	320.00	355.00

**PA FEEDER PIG SUMMARY**

US # 1-2 40-49 lb	126.00	165.00
58-59 lb	116.00	143.00
60-68 lb	110.00	157.00
72-79 lb	102.00	114.00
95-107 lbs	87.00	99.00
115-125 lbd	84.00	85.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA.  
HOG AUCTION**

Prices quoted by hundred wt.

52-56 250-300 lbs	45.00	50.00
350-400 lbs	30.00	33.00
<b>Sows, US1-3</b>		
350-500 lbs	23.50	25.00
550-650 lbs	25.50	27.50
<b>Boars</b> 450-650 lbs	4.00	5.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5LB	14.00	14.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12OZ	12.00	15.00
CIDER, APPLE 4-1 GAL	24.00	24.00
LETTUCE, HYDROPONIC, 12/CS	15.00	15.00
BEETS, 25LB LOOSE	14.00	18.00
FIDDLEHEADS, 10LB	70.00	70.00
PARSNIPS, 25LB	24.00	30.00
RUTABAGAS, 50LBS	16.00	16.00
SQUASH, BTTRNT, 1-1/9 BU	26.00	26.00
TOMATOES, 12LB, GRHSE, VR	25.00	25.00
TOMS, CHRY, GHS, ONVINE, 5LB	12.00	14.00

**SHIPPED IN**

ASPARGUS, NJ, BUNCHED, 28LB	82.00	82.00
BEANS, GREEN, GA, BU, MCHPK	26.00	32.00
BLUEBERRIES, FL, 12-1PT	18.00	20.00
BOK CHOY, FL, 30LB	16.00	20.00
CARROTS, GA, 16-3LB	19.00	23.00
CHERRIES, CA, 16LB/10-1/2ROW	80.00	80.00
CHINESE CABBAGE, FL 1-1/9	16.00	16.00
COLLARDS, GA, 12	13.00	15.00
DANDELION GRNS, NJ, BU	17.00	18.00
KALE, GA, BU, 12	13.00	14.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3LB	8.00	8.00
PEACHES, CA, 48-50	46.00	46.00
PEPPERS, GHSE, MX, 11LB	14.00	18.00
RASPBERRIES, CA 12-6 OZ	16.50	18.00
RHUBARB, OR, 20LB	42.00	42.00
SPINACH, SAVOY, NJ, 1.3BU	15.00	17.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, FL, 1/2BU	10.00	13.00
SWISS CHARD, TX, 12/CTN	16.00	18.00

**CONNECTICUT GROWN PLANTS**

FLAT, FLOWERS	7.75	8.00
FLAT, VEGETABLES	7.75	8.00
4" IMPATIENS, NEW GUINEA	1.60	2.10
4.5" GERANIUM	1.70	2.10
6" GERANIUM	3.50	4.25
6.5" MARTHA W. GERANIUM	5.85	6.00
8" SUMMER ANNUAL	4.50	5.00
8" DAHLIA	9.00	10.00
JUMBO SQ PATIO VEG PLT	2.95	2.95
12" PATIO PLANTER	10.90	12.00
12" HANGER, SUMMER	10.90	11.00
TOMATO, 2 GALLON	5.00	5.40

**NEW ENGLAND CUT FLOWERS**

ANEMONE, NY, XLONG 10	16.00	16.00
CALLA, XLONG, NE, 5	15.00	15.00
GARDENIA, NE, EA	5.50	5.50
LISIANTHUS, NE, 10	17.50	18.50
SUNFLOWER, LONG, NE, 5	6.50	7.50

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION  
Middlefield, CT., May 4, 2015**

Bob Calves:	LOW	HIGH
45-60 lbs.	55.00	65.00
61-75 lbs.	125.00	80.00
76-90 lbs.	380.00	405.00
91-105 lbs.	410.00	420.00
106 lbs. & up	430.00	440.00
Farm Calves	450.00	460.00
Starter Calves	50.00	60.00
Veal Calves	90.00	182.50
Open Heifers	135.00	190.00
Beef Heifers	122.50	139.00
Feeder Steers	140.00	180.00
Beef Steers	144.00	160.00
Stock Bulls	150.00	155.00
Beef Bulls	120.00	125.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	1@	20.00
Butcher Hogs	105.00	120.0
Feeder Pigs	n/a	n/a
Sheep	65.00	110.00
Lambs	75.00	115.00
Goats each	50.00	240.00
Kid Goats	22.50	110.00
Canners	up to	105.00
Cutters	106.00	111.00
Utility Grade Cows	112.00	115.00
Rabbits each	5.00	20.00
Chickens each	4.00	30.00
Ducks each	4.00	7.00

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white  
in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.10	1.30
LARGE	1.04	1.18
MEDIUM	.81	.94

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**Per doz. Grade A brown in  
carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.63	1.75
LARGE	1.57	1.67
MEDIUM	1.22	1.32

**USDA PORK  
NORTHEAST/RETAIL**

LOINS, WHOLE, B/IN	1.49	1.79
LOINS, CTR CUT, B/IN	2.49	2.99
LOIN ROAST, BNLS	1.69	2.99
RIB END ROAST, B/IN	1.79	1.89
SIRLOIN ROAST, BNLS	1.59	2.99
SIRLOIN CHOPS, B/IN	1.59	2.59
CC CHOPS, BNLS	1.67	4.99
PICNIC, FRESH, B/IN	.99	2.27
RIBS, CNTRY STYLE, BNLS	2.19	3.49
GROUND PORK	2.49	3.49



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5-R. Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Program, endorsed by the CT Farm Bureau, save up to 23% on your farm insurance and get better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call Marci today at 203-444-6553.

8-R. CT non-GMO grain and corn. Hay and straw. Pleasant View Farms. Louis. 860-803-0675.

27-R. Irrigation Pump on trailer--Yanmar Diesel-liquid cooled-3cyl-21.5hp/Rainbow SBB 4x3x9.5 pump/Primer with 4" SCAN-Kleen Filter, 4" Foot Valve and 170 Feet of 4"HPDE Suction Pipe. Used one season in 2012-excellent condition. Cost new was \$12,400. Reasonable offers considered. Mark after 6pm. 860-977-6948.

29-R. First cutting hay for sale. \$5.00 / bale. 860-881-4219.

31-R. Kubota M5400 with loader, cab, 4x4. \$15,000.00. JD 2940. \$9,500.00. JD 4040, new motor. \$12,000.00. JD 6405, 2WD loader. \$22,000.00. JD 750 tractor with mower deck. \$3,500.00. Several PTO generators. NH 311 baler. \$4,000.00. NH575 baler with thrower. \$12,000.00. NH 570 baler with thrower-SHARP! \$10,500.00. NH 315 baler with thrower. \$5,500.00. JD 338 baler with kicker. \$5,500.00. Case IH round baler, RBX 442. JD 300 round baler. \$6,000.00. 2 star tedder \$1,500.00. NH 256 rake. \$1,600.00. NH 258 rake. \$2,500.00. Double hitch for hayrakes. \$1,600.00. JD 2 row corn planter, model 7000. 1,500.00. JD 10' chisel plow. IH 450 3 bottom reset plow. \$2,500.00. 6 – 9X18 kicker wagons, used. \$3,000.00 each. 2 – IH 4 bottom 720 reset plows—need work. \$1,600.00 apiece. 203-530-4953.

35-R. Stainless tanks, 500 gal. with baffles \$750.00, 50 gallon open \$150.00. International 2 bottom quick hitch plow. \$250.00. Call 203-996-6356.

36-R. Black Angus cow with calf on the side. Call 860-212-5463.

37-R. 4 passenger waggonnet that can be set up for team or single horse. Excellent condition. Asking \$3,600. 860-599-0792.

38-R. TEW-Fruit and vegetable grader and washer. Older, but works fine. \$650.00. 860-620-0194.

40-R. H International tractor. Overhauled, in good shape. \$1,500.00. Farmall 340 diesel. Great shape. Older John Deere lawn mower. 203-269-9755.

42. New Holland Hay Bine 472. Call after 5PM 860-857-3702.

43-R. 1955 Massey-Ferguson TO-35. Working tractor. Maintenance records and owners manual. With 5' bush hog. \$2,500.00. 860-481-0029.

**WANTED**

28-R. Used or new gutter cleaner 14" links for Patz barn cleaner and used or new fertilizer hopper for no. 56 International 2 row corn planter. Call 203-735-2862.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

6-R. Farm/Land specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tustin Realty 860-644-5667.

41-R. Bulldozing in Eastern Connecticut. Large farm ponds dug. Land clearing for farmers also a specialty. Work done with rootrake to preserve topsoil and remove rocks. Personal service. Will help with permits. Don Kemp 860-546-9500.

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market sell fruits and vegetables to other farmers, wholesalers, retail stores, farm stands, restaurants or anyone wishing to buy in bulk or smaller quantities.

The 32-acre Regional Market encompasses 230,000 square feet of warehouse space, an active railroad spur, and 144 farmers' market stalls.

Items such as honey and eggs are available year-round, and some full-time tenants of the market's wholesale warehouses offer sales from their loading docks during the farmers' market.

The market is certified to accept payment through the state's Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, which issues vouchers to lower-income seniors and those enrolled in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.

The agriculture department is actively seeking new vendors to sign up for the farmers' market to further increase product diversity and selection as the peak growing and selling months approach.

"The market presents a unique opportunity and venue for growers and vendors to tap into," Reviczky said. "I encourage anyone who has considered joining us to do so as we enter the peak of the season."

Farmer's market stalls are 10-to-12 feet wide and 30 feet in length. Most are uncovered, but a limited number of covered stalls are available under a high-roofed, open-sided pavilion.

Farmers may rent stalls for either four consecutive months or one-year time frames. Both covered and open stalls currently are available.

The market is overseen by the Connecticut Marketing Authority (CMA), which employs an executive director, administrative and maintenance staff, and security.

Every product offered for sale must be clearly priced and identified through a label, sign, or poster that indicates the product's point of origin.

All farm products offered for sale must be identified by a sign or label with the name and address of the farm where the product was grown or produced.

Vendors may be subject to inspection at the market and farm visits by agriculture department staff to verify production.

Applications for the farmers' market are available at

[www.ct.gov/doag](http://www.ct.gov/doag).

More information is available by contacting Rick Macsuga at 860-713-2544 or [richard.macsuga@ct.gov](mailto:richard.macsuga@ct.gov).







Some of the activity at the Hartford Regional Market farmers' market last weekend. The Department of Agriculture is increasing promotion of the market in order to attract more customers and vendors as the growing and selling season enters its busiest months.



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### CT FARM EMPLOYMENT CONNECTION

34-R. Cheese Sales Person for our on farm shop. Sell cheese, educate customers. Update social media. Assist with cheese making and cheese care. Wed-Sunday full time. \$12.50/hour. Go to [www.catocornerfarm.com](http://www.catocornerfarm.com) for info.

35-R. Coventry Farmers' Market sales person. Sell cheese at Connecticut's busiest farmers' market! Sundays June – October, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. \$11/hr. Go to [www.catocornerfarm.com](http://www.catocornerfarm.com) for info.

36-R. Summer Cheese Intern – Learn how to make and sell cheese! 3 to 5 days per week, must include Saturday and Sunday. \$9.15/hour. [www.catocornerfarm.com](http://www.catocornerfarm.com)

40-R. Assistant Farm Manager: Mid-size farm. 3+ years practical agricultural experience (4 year degree preferred)-ideally crop/livestock production. Assist/perform duties for farm owner: crop management; irrigation management; cultivating/harvesting; record keeping/inventory; IPM/soil management; equipment maintenance/mechanical skills, etc. 860-683-0266.

### OLD FARMHOUSE WANTED FOR VIDEO PRODUCTION

The state Department of Economic and Community Development is seeking an old farmhouse in disrepair on a farm in Hartford or Litchfield County for a video shoot.

The producer of a music video will pay \$500 for use of the house during the one-day shoot.

Anyone interested may contact Mark Dixon, Location Services, Office of Film, Television & Digital Media, at 860-270-8218 or [Mark.Dixon@ct.gov](mailto:Mark.Dixon@ct.gov)

### FOOD PROCESSING WORKSHOP AT UCONN

UConn Extension is conducting a two-session workshop to help farmers considering starting a small food processing business in their residential kitchen.

Connecticut regulations allow farmers, using produce from their farm, to manufacture jams, jellies, acidified foods and maple syrup in their kitchen. The two sessions will address exploring the on-farm residential kitchen business option and product, process, and facility food safety controls during processing.

The course will be held May 14 and 19 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Middlesex County Extension Center, 1066 Saybrook Road, Haddam, Connecticut. Preregistration is required. The first session is a prerequisite to the second session.

To register by May 8 or for more information, contact Diane Wright Hirsch, Extension Educator at 203-407-3163 or [diane.hirsch@uconn.edu](mailto:diane.hirsch@uconn.edu)

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